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Office Action Summary

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CLAUSEN, AXEL

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 14 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 4-13 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11/25/2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/25/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Germany on November 28, 2002. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the German application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference characters "24" and "25" have both been used to designate the line between "21" and "23" and reference characters "12" and "25" have both been used to designate the line between "21" and "15'". Also, the elements in figure 1 should be labeled. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

3. Figure 4 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR

1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. The drawings are objected to because Figure 3 has a non-English language label on the x-axis. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

5. The attempt to incorporate subject matter into this application by reference to two papers on page 3, lines 7-11 and lines 13-14 is improper because copies of the papers were not provided in the information disclosure statement.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claim 1, 2, 14, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,529,925 to Schenk.

8. Regarding claim 1, Schenk discloses a method for reducing the crest factor of a multi-carrier signal, the method comprising: (a) evaluating an inverse Fourier transform of the multi-carrier signal, thereby generating transformed multi-carrier signal (See figure 3, block 4); (b) defining a signal-to-be-corrected to be the transformed multi-carrier signal (See figure 3, $y_1 - y_N$ and column 4, lines 58-61); (c) generating a simulated output signal (See figure 3, block 20 and column 5, lines 8-13 where the simulated output could be seen as the outputs that are calculated from the minimum and maximum elements); (d) estimating a signal maximum of the simulated output signal (See figure 3, block 20 and column 5, lines 8-13); (e) deriving a first correction variable on the basis of the estimate (See column 5, lines 8-15); (f) correcting the signal-to-be-corrected using at least the first correction variable, thereby generating a corrected output signal having a reduced crest factor (See column 6, lines 1-20); (g) defining the corrected output signal to be the signal-to-be-corrected; and (h) iteratively repeating steps (c) through (g) until the occurrence of a condition selected from the group consisting of causing the corrected output signal to have a crest factor below a predetermined threshold, and performing a predetermined

number of iterations (See column 8, lines 16-25 where it should be inherent to have iteration as disclosed by adding).

9. Regarding claim 2, which inherits all of the limitations of claim 1, Schenk discloses a method wherein generating a simulated output signal comprises filtering the signal-to-be-corrected (See column 5, lines 8-13 where the “filtering” is the calculating from the minimum and maximum elements).

10. Regarding claim 14, which inherits all of the limitations of claim 1, Schenk discloses a method further comprising passing the corrected output signal through a D/A converter (See figure 3, block 6).

11. Regarding claim 17, which inherits all of the limitations of claim 1, Schenk discloses a method wherein the multi-carrier signal is selected from the group consisting of a DMT signal and an OFDM signal (See column 1, lines 17-26).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,529,925 to Schenk in further view of US Patent Application No 2002/0191705 to Melsa et al.

14. Regarding claim 3, which inherits all of the limitations of claim 1, Schenk discloses a method for reducing the crest factor. Schenk fails to disclose a method further comprising temporarily storing the corrected output signal for use in subsequent iteration step. However,

Melsa discloses a method for reducing the crest factor where there is a delay that holds the data until the next step (See figure 3, block 367). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the delay from Melsa's method in the method of Schenk to reduce the calculations.

Allowable Subject Matter

15. Claims 4-13 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

16. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: There is no prior art that shows a simulations of a filtering and interpolating systems in a crest factor reduction method.

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US Patent No 6,757,299 to Verma discloses a peak power to average power ratio reduction in multi-carrier communications systems using error-correcting code.

18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krista M. Flanagan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2203. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad H. Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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